

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRAPRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Public Services - Revenue Department - Allegation of corruption against Smt. Jayanthi former Dy.Tahsildar, O/o the Tahsildar Dhone, (M) Kurnool District & 2 others - Trapped by the Anti-Corruption Bureau on 18.08.2014 - Entrusted the case to departmental Inquiry - Charged framed - Inquiry officer appointed - Enquiry report submitted - Disciplinary proceedings concluded under Rule 9 of A.P.R.P.Rules, 1980 - Further action dropped - Orders - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE - III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 21

Dated: 21-01-2021

Read the following:

1. From the D.G, ACB Rc.No.194/RCT-KUR/2014, Dt.08.12.2015.
2. Govt.Memo.No.25312/Vig.III.2/2014, Rev (Vig.III) Dept, Dt:18.02.2016.
3. Govt.Memo.No.25312/Vig.III.2/2014, Rev (Vig.III) Dept, Dt:28.03.2016.
4. From the D.G, ACB Rc.No.194/RCT-KUR/2014-S6, Dt.06.04.2016.
5. Govt.Memo.No.25312/Vig.III.2/2014, Rev (Vig.III) Dept, Dt:25.06.2016.
6. Govt.Memo.No.25312/Vig.III.2/2014, Rev (Vig.III) Dept, Dt:17.09.2016.
7. From the Collector & District Magistrate, Kurnool, Lr.Ref.No.
REVASE0VIG(DIS)/2/2017-JA(A1)-COLL(KRNL), Dt:14.06.2019.
8. Govt.Memo.No.25312/Vig.III.2/2014, Rev (Vig.III) Dept, Dt:05.09.2019.
9. From the Collector & District Magistrate, Kurnool, Lr.Ref.No.
REVASE0VIG(DIS)/2/2017-JA(A1)-COLL(KRNL), Dt:06.06.2020.

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ORDER:

Whereas, it has been brought to the notice of the Government that a trap case has been registered against Smt. S.Jayanthi, (A.O.1) Deputy Tahsildar, Smt.Rajeswaramma, (A.O.2) Revenue Inspector and Sri R.A.Raju, (A.O.3) Village Revenue Officer O/o Tahsildar, Dhone Mandal, Kurnool District on 18.08.2014, while they are accepting bribe of Rs.12,000/- from the complainant for doing official favour. Consequently, the three Accused Officers were suspended by the District Collector, Kurnool. Further based on the recommendation of the review committee, the three A.Os were reinstated into service without prejudice to the criminal/departmental proceedings pending against them, vide reference 2nd read above.

2. And whereas, in the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau has submitted the final report of the Bureau and recommended to place the A.Os Smt.S.Jayanthi, Deputy Tahsildar, Smt Rajeswaramma, Revenue Inspector and Sri R.A.Raju, Village Revenue Officer O/o Tahsildar, Dhone Mandal, Kurnool District on their defense before the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings. In the mean while, the three A.Os have made representations before the Government for dropping their case as they have not committed any irregularity.

3. Government have entrusted the case of Smt S. Jayanthi, Deputy Tahsildar, to departmental enquiry, instead of Tribunal for disciplinary proceedings, vide the memo-1, Dt:18.02.2016. In respect of Smt Rajeswaramma, Revenue Inspector (A.O.2) and Sri R.A.Raju, Village Revenue Officer (A.O.3) Government have accepted the recommendation of D.G., ACB and ordered to place them on their defense before the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings vide the memo-2, Dt:18.02.2016.

4. And whereas, in the reference 4th read above, the D.G., A.C.B., has informed the Government that it is difficult for the Bureau to file the records and pursue the case in two different forums of action. He has requested the Government to issue orders either placing all the AOs on their defense before TDP or departmental enquiry, so that the Bureau can send all the original documents to the same forum and pursue the case. Government after examining the request of the DG, ACB have

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decided to initiate departmental action against Smt. Rajeswaramma (A.O.2) MRI and Sri R.A. Raju VRO Kottakova (V) O/o the Tahsildar Dhone (M) Kurnool District instead of placing before TDP. Accordingly, issued orders for initiating departmental action duly withdrawing the case from the TDP vide reference 5th read above. On receipt of draft AoCs from the DG, ACB, the same has been forwarded to the District Collector, Kurnool with a request to initiate disciplinary action against the three AOs Smt Jayanthi, (A.O.1) Deputy Tahsildar, Smt Rajeswaramma, (A.O.2) Revenue Inspector and Sri R.A.Raju, (A.O.3) Village Revenue Officer O/o Tahsildar, Dhone Mandal, Kurnool District as per the scheme of Vigilance and intimate the stage of the case from time to time to Govt., vide reference 6th read above.

5. And whereas, in the reference 7th read above, the District Collector, Kurnool has reported that in pursuance of the instructions of the Government, the following Article of charges have been framed against Smt.Jayanthi, Deputy Tahsildar, O/o Tahsildar, Dhone Mandal, Kurnool District. The Charged Officer has submitted her written statement of defense denying the charges.

Charge-I:

That Smt.S.Jayanthi demanded bribe amount of Rs.12,000/- from Y.Chandrasekhar Reddy r/o Nakkavagulapalle, (v) of Dhone Mandal, Kurnool district on 18.8.2014 and received the bribe amount of Rs.12,000/- through Smt G. Rajeswaramma, MRI-2, O/o Tahasildar, Dhone Mandal, who received the bribe amount on the instructions of Smt S. Jayanthi and the tainted amount of Rs.12,000/- was recovered from the possession of Smt G. Rajeswaramma.

Charge-2:

That Smt.S. Jayanthi failed submitted Annual Property Returns to submit her Annual Property Returns to the competent authority during her entire service i.e. from 11.05.1986 to 18.8.2014 and violated Rule 9(7) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

6. Further Smt.S.Sasi Devi, Special Deputy Collector, NHSS-III, Kurnool was appointed as Inquiry Authority to inquire into the Charges framed against Smt.Jayanthi, Deputy Tahsildar, O/o Tahsildar, Dhone Mandal, Kurnool District and 2 others. The enquiry officer has reported that the Charge-I is held not proved and Charge-II is proved against the C.O Smt.Jayanthi, Deputy Tahsildar, O/o Tahsildar, Dhone Mandal, Kurnool District. The District Collector, Kurnool has submitted the enquiry report to the Government for taking necessary action as per the Scheme of Vigilance Commission.

7. Government, after careful examination of the matter have accepted the findings of the Inquiring Authority and directed the District Collector, Kurnool to communicate the Inquiry Report to the Charged Officer for obtaining her explanation, if any, examine the same and take a provisional decision and intimate the same to Government for taking further action as per the Vigilance Scheme vide the reference 8th read above.

8. And whereas, in the reference 9th read above, the District Collector, Kurnool has stated that enquiry report has been sent to the Charged Officer calling for explanation. Further Smt.S.Jayanthi, Deputy Tahsildar (Retired on 31.05.2020) has submitted her explanation enclosing copies of the Annual property returns of the specified period and stated that there is no failure on her part. But the inquiry officer wrongly held that the charge is proved. Therefore, she has requested the authorities to drop further action in this charge. The District Collector, after examining the explanation of the CO has stated that out of two Article of charges framed against Smt S.Jayanthi, formerly Deputy Tahsildar, Dhone while working as Deputy Tahsildar, O/o Tahsildar(Urban), Kurnool one charge i.e., Charge-II (Non submission of APRS) is proved by the Enquiry Officer. Further, Smt. S. Jayanthi, Deputy Tahsildar has

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submitted Annual Property Returns from 1987 to 2013 along with her explanation. In this regard, the District Collector, Kurnool has proposed that she may be exonerated from the Charge-II.

9. Government after careful examination of the matter duly obtaining the advise of the competent authority as per A.P. Vigilance Scheme, have accepted the provisional decision of the District Collector, Kurnool to exonerate Smt.S.Jayanthi, Deputy Tahsildar (Retd) from the Charges. Accordingly, Government hereby drop further action against Smt.S.Jayanthi, former Deputy Tahsildar (Rtd), O/o Tahsildar, Dhone Mandal, Kurnool District duly exonerating her from the above charges, under rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

10. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada/ the District Collector, Kurnool shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**V. USHARANI,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

Smt.S.Jayanthi, former Deputy Tahsildar, O/o Tahsildar, Dhone Mandal, Kurnool District (Retd) through the District Collector, Kurnool.

The Collector & District Magistrate, Kurnool.

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada.

Copy to:

The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada.

The Secretary to Commissioner, A.P.Vigilance Commission, Amaravati.

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//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER